

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to those that participated in our Parent's Club Meeting on April 5, 2017 held in the library! A special thank you goes out to Patti Fabrizio for helping to promote and coordinate the event.

The forum presented an opportunity for parents of the Saint Patrick community to learn more about current and future doings from the principal's prospective. In addition, families were given an opportunity to ask questions and further discuss other issues that needed clarification or additional explanation.

Below is a brief summary of the agenda items:

NEW COURSES FOR NEXT YEAR: COMPUTER PROGRAMMING 2, ROBOTICS 2, INTRO TO STEAM, INCUBATOR (NOW OPEN TO SOPH – SENIORS), CRIMINAL JUSTICE (LEWIS UNIVERSITY), SOCIAL JUSTICE (TIES INTO SENIOR SERVICE PROJECT)

Course descriptions can be found by following the given link: https://stpatrick.ideamktg.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/2016-2017_Curriculum_Guide.pdf

INCUBATOR FINAL PITCH EVENING IS MAY 4 AT 6:30 PM IN THE THEATER.

Instructed by Mr. Wojnar and assisted by the numerous coached and mentors who volunteered their time, the students involved in the inaugural class will make their final pitch to a group of investors. All our welcome to attend and see the creative ideas that the students have developed over the school year. Refreshments and snacks are available beginning at 6 PM.

SPRING SHOWCASE IS APRIL 23 FROM 1-3 PM

The Spring Showcase will be an opportunity for perspective families to learn more about Saint Patrick High School. The Showcase will begin with a general school presentation and then allow families to select specific school programs that they would like to learn further about. If you have any questions, please contact [Brian O'Connor](#) or [Mike Fabrizio](#).

STEAM FACILITY BUILDING RENOVATION AND CLASS BEGIN THIS SUMMER

We are excited to launch both our STEAM program and new STEAM facility this summer. *Intro to STEAM* will be offered this summer for incoming freshman and for those going into their sophomore year. The current Chemistry lab and lecture room will be combined into a modern, 21st century state of the art facility which will enhance and improve the learning environment for all of our students. For additional information, about the program or space please click on the link below: <https://stpatrick.ideamktg.net/academics/steam/>

CUBS GAME ON APRIL 13

It is time again for our annual journey to Wrigley Field on April 13, 2017. In the past, the day represented our annual Shamrock Walk-A-Thon from Saint Patrick High School and culminated with the

Cubs game later in the afternoon. Since changing our fundraising efforts to a mandatory fee, the purpose for walking to raise money lost its incentive. Therefore, two years ago the day was changed to a "Spirit Day". In addition, this year's game is during Easter vacation and does not impact school attendance policies for the day.

As has been the process, we allowed each student interested in attending the game to have a ticket. All requests were granted for students and tickets were distributed during their A period class on Friday, March 31. After all tickets have been distributed, the following outlines what students and parents need to know leading up to the event:

1. If a student was absent who requested a ticket on Friday, March 31, they are to see their period A teacher for their ticket.
2. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from Wrigley Field.
3. Tickets need to be claimed no later than Friday, April 7 at 2:45 PM. School will be closed for Easter break from April 8 – April 17
4. If students have decided not to attend the game and have requested a ticket, we ask that students please return their ticket to their period A teacher or Mr. Neurauter in the business office.

While your son will be on his own, Saint Patrick High School expects respectful and proper behavior that represents our school and community correctly.

The day should be fun for all involved. A special thank you to '64 Alum Jack Neurauter for his generous donation of the tickets to the school. Please wear your green and gold to support the event and show solidarity as a community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call John Prangl at 773-282-8844 ext. 266.

RCIA (RIGHT OF CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR ADULTS) PROGRAM CONCLUDES MAY 4 AT ST. FERDINAND'S

The RCIA (Right of Catholic Initiation for Adults) program was introduced this year for Saint Patrick students looking to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. 5 of our students will be confirmed on the evening of May 4. If your son would like to participate in the program next year, please contact [Dan Eberle](#).

OTHER ITEMS FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

- *Parent Committee for 2017-2018.* We are looking for parents who would be willing to participate as members of our admissions parent committee. Please contact Brian O'Connor if you would be interested.

- *Service for seniors*– As part of our 2020 Strategic Plan, service is a component that is being addressed and supported. In response to that, the Class of 2018 will be participating in a service project as part of the Religion curriculum.
- *Class of 2021 day of service* – August 11, approximately 10-3 PM. Additional details to follow.

SUBBING

The school is currently looking for people who would be able to volunteer and substitute at St. Patrick High School. It would especially helpful on our heavier faculty absence days when people are involved in retreats. It is preferred that someone is a certified substitute teacher, but not a mandatory requirement.